

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IN VITRO AMPLIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES VIA CIRCULAR REPLICONS

the specification of which (check one):

☐ is attached hereto; or

☒ was filed on May 14, 2002 as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/143,862 and was amended on June 27, 2002.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, to the best of my ability. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56 as set forth on the reverse side hereof. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed or (2) if no priority claimed, before the filing date of this application:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of all United States and PCT international applications listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

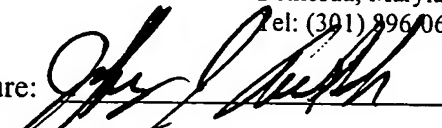
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. And I hereby appoint:

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